

OFFICE OF THE STATE CONTROLLER
STATE MANDATED COSTS CLAIMING INSTRUCTIONS NO. 2006-07
NATIONAL NORM-REFERENCED ACHIEVEMENT TEST
FORMERLY STANDARDIZED TESTING AND REPORTING (STAR)

February 21, 2006

In accordance with Government Code (GC) section 17561, eligible claimants may submit claims to the State Controller's Office (SCO) for reimbursement of costs incurred for state mandated cost programs. The following are claiming instructions and forms that eligible claimants will use for filing claims for the National Norm-Referenced Achievement Test (NRAT) program. These claiming instructions are issued subsequent to adoption of the program's Parameters and Guidelines (P's & G's) by the Commission on State Mandates (COSM).

On July 28, 2005, the COSM determined that administering the California Achievement Tests, Sixth Edition Survey (CAT/6) in grades 3 and 7 established costs mandated by the State according to the provisions listed in the P's & G's. For your reference, the P's & G's are included as an integral part of the claiming instructions.

Eligible Claimants

Except for community colleges, any school district, as defined in GC section 17519, that incurs increased costs as a result of this mandate, is eligible to claim reimbursement of these costs.

Filing Deadlines

A. Reimbursement Claims

Initial reimbursement claims must be filed within 120 days from the issuance date of claiming instructions. Costs incurred for this program are reimbursable for fiscal year 2004-05. Claims for the 2004-05 fiscal year must be filed with the SCO and be delivered or postmarked on or before **June 21, 2006**. Actual reimbursement claims for fiscal year 2005-06 and estimated claims for fiscal year 2006-07 must be filed with SCO on or before **January 16, 2007**.

In order for a claim to be considered properly filed, it must include any specific supporting documentation requested in the instructions. **Claims filed more than one year after the deadline or without the requested supporting documentation will not be accepted.**

B. Late Penalty

1. Initial Claims

AB 3000, enacted into law on September 30, 2002, amended the late penalty assessments on initial claims. Late initial claims submitted **on or after September 30, 2002**, are assessed a late penalty of 10% of the total amount of the initial claims **without limitation**.

2. Annual Reimbursement Claims

All late annual reimbursement claims are assessed a late penalty of 10% subject to the \$1,000 limitation regardless of when the claims were filed.

C. Estimated Claims

Unless otherwise specified in the claiming instructions school districts are not required to provide cost schedules and supporting documents with an estimated claim if the estimated amount does not exceed the previous fiscal year's actual costs by more than 10%. Claimants can simply enter the estimated amount on form FAM-27, line (07).

However, if the estimated claim exceeds the previous fiscal year's actual costs by more than 10%, claimants must complete supplemental claim forms to support their estimated costs as specified for the program to explain the reason for the increased costs. If no explanation supporting the higher estimate is provided with the claim, it will automatically be adjusted to 110% of the previous fiscal year's actual costs. Future estimated claims filed with the SCO must be postmarked by January 15 of the fiscal year in which costs will be incurred. Claims filed timely will be paid before late claims.

Minimum Claim Cost

GC section 17564(a) provides that no claim shall be filed pursuant to Sections 17551 and 17561, unless such claim exceeds one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Reimbursement of Claims

To be eligible for mandated cost reimbursement for any fiscal year, only actual costs may be claimed. Actual costs are those costs actually incurred to implement the mandated activities. Actual costs must be traceable and supported by source documents that show the validity of such costs, when they were incurred, and their relationship to the reimbursable activities. A source document is a document created at or near the same time the actual cost was incurred for the event or activity in question.

Source documents may include, but are not limited to, employee time records or time logs, sign-in sheets, invoices, and receipts. Evidence corroborating the source documents may include, but is not limited to, worksheets, cost allocation reports (system generated), purchase orders, contracts, agendas, training packets, and declarations. Evidence corroborating the source documents may include data relevant to the reimbursable activities otherwise in compliance with local, state, and federal government requirements. However, corroborating documents cannot be substituted for source documents.

Certification of Claim

In accordance with the provisions of GC section 17561, an authorized representative of the claimant shall be required to provide a certification of claim stating: "I certify, (or declare), under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct," and must further comply with the requirements of the Code of Civil Procedure section 2015.5, for those costs mandated by the State and contained herein.

Audit of Costs

All claims submitted to the SCO are reviewed to determine if costs are related to the mandate, are reasonable and not excessive, and the claim was prepared in accordance with the SCO's claiming instructions and the P's & G's adopted by the COSM. If any adjustments are made to a claim, a "Notice of Claim Adjustment" specifying the claim component adjusted, the amount adjusted, and the reason for the adjustment, will be mailed within 30 days after payment of the claim.

Pursuant to GC section 17558.5, subdivision (a), a reimbursement claim for actual costs filed by a school district pursuant to this chapter is subject to the initiation of an audit by the SCO no later than three years after the date that the actual reimbursement claim is filed or last amended, whichever is later. However, if no funds are appropriated or no payment is made to a claimant for the program for the fiscal year for which the claim is filed, the time for the SCO to initiate an audit shall commence to run from the date of initial payment of the claim.

In any case, an audit shall be completed no later than two years after the date that the audit is commenced. All documents used to support the reimbursable activities must be retained during the period subject to audit. If an audit has been initiated by the SCO during the period subject to audit, the retention period is extended until the ultimate resolution of any audit findings. On-site audits will be conducted by the SCO as deemed necessary.

Retention of Claiming Instructions

The claiming instructions and forms in this package should be retained permanently in your Mandated Cost Manual for future reference and use in filing claims. These forms should be duplicated to meet your filing requirements. You will be notified of updated forms or changes to claiming instructions as necessary.

Questions, or requests for hard copies of these instructions, should be faxed to Angie Lowi-Teng at (916) 323-6527 or e-mailed to **LRSDAR@sco.ca.gov**. Or, if you wish, you may call the Local Reimbursements Section at (916) 324-5729.

For your reference, these and future mandated costs claiming instructions and forms can be found on the Internet at www.sco.ca.gov/ard/local/locreim/index.shtml.

Address for Filing Claims

Claims should be rounded to the nearest dollar. Submit a signed original and a copy of form FAM-27, Claim for Payment, and all other forms and supporting documents. **(To expedite the payment process, please sign the form in blue ink, and attach a copy of the form FAM-27 to the top of the claim package.)**

Use the following mailing addresses:

If delivered by

U.S. Postal Service:

Office of the State Controller

Attn: Local Reimbursements Section

Division of Accounting and Reporting

P.O. Box 942850

Sacramento, CA 94250

If delivered by

other delivery services:

Office of the State Controller

Attn: Local Reimbursements Section

Division of Accounting and Reporting

3301 C Street, Suite 500

Sacramento, CA 95816

PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES AMENDMENT

Education Code Sections 60607, subdivision (a), 60609,
60615, 60630, 60640, and 60641

Statutes 1997, Chapter 828

California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Sections 851, 852, 853, 855,
857, 858, 859, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 867, and 868

National Norm-Referenced Achievement Test, 05-PGA-03
(formerly *Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR)*, 04-RL-9723-01)

I. SUMMARY OF THE MANDATE

On August 24, 2000, the Commission on State Mandates (Commission), adopted a Statement of Decision finding that the test claim legislation and regulations impose a new program or higher level of service within the meaning of article XIII B, section 6 of the California Constitution, and costs mandated by the state pursuant to Government Code section 17514. This decision was limited to a national norm-referenced achievement test and foreign language test enacted by Statutes 1997, chapter 828.

Statutes 2004, chapter 216, section 34 (Sen. Bill No. 1108, eff. Aug. 11, 2004) and Statutes 2004, chapter 895, section 19 (Assem. Bill No. 2855, eff. Jan. 1, 2005) directed the Commission to reconsider the prior final decision and parameters and guidelines for the STAR program. On July 28, 2005, the Commission found, effective July 1, 2004, that administering the California Achievement Tests, Sixth Edition Survey (CAT/6)¹ in grades 3 and 7 imposes a reimbursable state mandate on school districts within the meaning of article XIII B, section 6 of the California Constitution and Government Code sections 17514 and 17556. The Commission found that all the other activities were either federally mandated, and thus not reimbursable, or no longer required.

II. ELIGIBLE CLAIMANTS

Any “school district,” as defined in Government Code section 17519, except for community colleges, that incurs increased costs as a result of this mandate is eligible to claim reimbursement.

III. PERIOD OF REIMBURSEMENT

The period of reimbursement for the activities in this parameters and guidelines amendment begins on July 1, 2004.

Pursuant to Government Code section 17560, reimbursement for state-mandated costs may be claimed as follows:

¹ Reference to the CAT/6 herein would apply to any successor national norm-referenced achievement test selected by the California Department of Education.

1. A local agency may file an estimated reimbursement claim by January 15 of the fiscal year in which costs are to be incurred, and, by January 15 following that fiscal year shall file an annual reimbursement claim that details the costs actually incurred for that fiscal year; or it may comply with the provisions of subdivision (b).
2. A local agency may, by January 15 following the fiscal year in which costs are incurred, file an annual reimbursement claim that details the costs actually incurred for that fiscal year.
3. In the event revised claiming instructions are issued by the Controller pursuant to subdivision (c) of section 17558 between October 15 and January 15, a local agency filing an annual reimbursement claim shall have 120 days following the issuance date of the revised claiming instructions to file a claim.

Reimbursable actual costs for one fiscal year shall be included in each claim. Estimated costs for the subsequent year may be included on the same claim, if applicable. Pursuant to Government Code section 17561, subdivision (d)(1), all claims for reimbursement of initial years' costs shall be submitted within 120 days of the issuance of the State Controller's claiming instructions. If the total costs for a given fiscal year do not exceed \$1,000, no reimbursement shall be allowed, except as otherwise allowed by Government Code section 17564.

There shall be no reimbursement for any period in which the Legislature has suspended the operation of a mandate pursuant to state law.

IV. REIMBURSABLE ACTIVITIES

To be eligible for mandated cost reimbursement for any fiscal year, only actual costs may be claimed. Actual costs are those costs actually incurred to implement the mandated activities. Actual costs must be traceable and supported by source documents that show the validity of such costs, when they were incurred, and their relationship to the reimbursable activities. A source document is a document created at or near the same time the actual cost was incurred for the event or activity in question. Source documents may include, but are not limited to, employee time records or time logs, sign-in sheets, invoices, and receipts.

Evidence corroborating the source documents may include, but is not limited to, worksheets, cost allocation reports (system generated), purchase orders, contracts, agendas, training packets, and declarations. Declarations must include a certification or declaration stating, "I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct," and must further comply with the requirements of Code of Civil Procedure section 2015.5. Evidence corroborating the source documents may include data relevant to the reimbursable activities otherwise in compliance with local, state, and federal government requirements. However, corroborating documents cannot be substituted for source documents.

The claimant is only allowed to claim and be reimbursed for increased costs for reimbursable activities identified below. Increased cost is limited to the cost of an activity that the claimant is required to incur as a result of the mandate.

For each eligible claimant, the following activities are reimbursable:

A. Training, Policies, and Procedures

1. Reviewing the requirements of the CAT/6 and conducting or attending training sessions. Increased costs for substitute teacher time during the school day or for teacher stipends to attend training sessions outside the regular school day (after school or on Saturday) are eligible for reimbursement. However, the time the teacher spends to attend training sessions during that teacher's normal classroom hours is not reimbursable. (One-time activity per employee per test site.)
2. Developing internal policies, procedures, and forms to implement the CAT/6. (One-time activity for school districts created after July 1, 2004.)

The cost of travel for and materials and supplies used or distributed in training sessions is reimbursable under this activity.

B. Pretest and Posttest Coordination

1. Processing requests for exemption from the CAT/6 test filed by parents and guardians. (Ed. Code, §§ 60615, 60640, subd. (j); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 852, subd. (a).)
2. Designating a school district employee as a STAR program district coordinator. The school district shall notify the publisher of the identity and contact information for the STAR program district coordinator. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, §§ 857-859, 865, 867, & 868.) *This activity is reimbursable only to the extent that it applies to the CAT/6 test.*
 - Beginning July 1, 2004, the STAR program district coordinator, or the school district superintendent or his or her designee, shall be available through August 15 to complete school district CAT/6 testing.
3. Designating a school district employee as a STAR program test site coordinator at each test site. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, §§ 858, 859, 867, & 868.) *This activity is reimbursable only to the extent that it applies to the CAT/6.*
 - Beginning July 1, 2004, the STAR program test site coordinator, or the site principal or his or her designee, shall be available to the STAR program district coordinator by telephone through August 15 for purposes of resolving discrepancies or inconsistencies in materials or errors in reports related to the CAT/6 test.

STAR Program District Coordinator

Reimbursable activities performed by the STAR program district coordinator are limited to (*only as applied to the CAT/6*):

1. Responding to correspondence and inquiries from the publisher in a timely manner and as provided in the publisher's instructions. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 857, subd. (b).)
2. Determining school district and individual CAT/6 and test material needs in conjunction with the test publisher, using California Basic Education Data System (CBEDS) and current enrollment data. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 857, subd. (b).)
3. Overseeing the acquisition and distribution of CAT/6 tests and test materials to individual schools and test sites. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, §§ 857, subd. (b).)
4. Providing a signed receipt to the test publisher upon receipt of the CAT/6 testing materials. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 865, subd. (a).)

5. Coordinating CAT/6 testing dates and make-up testing dates for the school district. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 857, subd. (b).)
6. Maintaining security over CAT/6 test material and test data. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 857, subd. (b).)
7. Overseeing the administration of the CAT/6 to eligible students. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 857, subd. (b).)
8. Overseeing the collection and return of all CAT/6 test materials and tests to the publisher. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 857, subd. (b).)
9. Resolving any discrepancies in the quantity of CAT/6 test and test materials received from and returned to the test publisher. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 857, subd. (b), & 868.)
10. Certifying information with respect to the CAT/6 test to the California Department of Education within five (5) working days of completed school district testing. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 857, subd. (c).)
11. Preparing, executing, and collecting STAR Test Security Agreements and Affidavits from every person who has access to tests and other test materials. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 859.)

STAR Program Test Site Coordinator

Reimbursable activities performed by the STAR test site coordinator are limited to (*only as applied to the CAT/6*):

1. Determining CAT/6 site test and test material needs. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 858, subd. (b).)
2. Overseeing the acquisition and distribution of CAT/6 tests and test materials at the test site. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 858, subd. (b).)
3. Cooperating with the STAR program district coordinator to provide the CAT/6 testing and make-up testing days for the site. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 858, subd. (b).)
4. Maintaining security over CAT/6 test material and test data. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 858, subd. (b).)
5. Overseeing the administration of the CAT/6 to eligible students at the test site. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 858, subd. (b).)
6. Overseeing the collection and return of all CAT/6 testing materials and tests to the STAR program district coordinator. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 858, subd. (b).)
7. Assisting the STAR program district coordinator and the test publisher in resolving any discrepancies in the CAT/6 test information and materials. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 858, subd. (b).)
8. Certifying CAT/6 information to the STAR program district coordinator within three (3) working days of complete site testing. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 858, subd. (b).)
9. Preparing, executing, and collecting STAR Test Security Agreements and Affidavits from every person who has access to tests and other test materials. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 859.)

C. CAT/6 Test Administration

1. Conducting and monitoring the CAT/6 test to all pupils in grades 3 and 7. (Ed. Code, §§ 60640, subds. (b) & (c), 60641, subd. (a); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, §§ 851, 852, subd. (b), 853, & 855.)

Time spent by the classroom teacher during his or her normal classroom hours for test administration is not reimbursable.

D. Reporting and Record Keeping

1. Inclusion of CAT/6 test results in each pupil's record of accomplishment. (Ed. Code, §§ 60607, subd. (a), & 60641, subd. (a).)
2. Preparing and mailing reports of the individual results of the CAT/6 test to the pupils' parents or guardians, to the pupils' schools, and to the pupils' teachers. (Ed. Code, § 60641, subd. (a)(2); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 863.)
3. Reporting the results of the CAT/6 test to the school district governing board or county office of education on a districtwide and school-by-school basis. (Ed. Code, § 60641, subd. (a)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 864.)
4. Submitting to the Superintendent of Public Instruction a report on the CAT/6 test. (Ed. Code, § 60640, subd. (j); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 862.)
5. Submitting to the California Department of Education whatever information the Department deems necessary to permit the Superintendent of Public Instruction to prepare a report analyzing, on a school-by-school basis, the results and test scores of the CAT/6 test. (Ed. Code, § 60630, subd. (b); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 861.)

The cost of materials and supplies used for reports (including, paper and envelopes), the cost of postage for mailing reports to parents, and the cost of computer programming used for reporting purposes is reimbursable under this activity.

V. CLAIM PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

Each of the following cost elements must be identified for each reimbursable activity identified in Section IV, Reimbursable Activities, of this document. Each claimed reimbursable cost must be supported by source documentation as described in Section IV. Additionally, each reimbursement claim must be filed in a timely manner.

A. Direct Cost Reporting

Direct costs are those costs incurred specifically for the reimbursable activities. The following direct costs are eligible for reimbursement:

1. Salaries and Benefits

Report each employee implementing the reimbursable activities by name, job classification, and productive hourly rate (total wages and related benefits divided by productive hours). Describe the specific reimbursable activities performed and the hours devoted to each reimbursable activity performed.

2. Materials and Supplies

Report the cost of materials and supplies that have been consumed or expended for the purpose of the reimbursable activities. Purchases shall be claimed at the actual price after deducting discounts, rebates, and allowances received by the claimant. Supplies that are withdrawn from inventory shall be charged on an appropriate and recognized method of costing, consistently applied.

3. Contracted Services

Report the name of the contractor and services performed to implement the reimbursable activities. Attach a copy of the contract to the claim. If the contractor bills for time and materials, report the number of hours spent on the activities and all costs charged. If the contract is a fixed price, report the dates when services were performed and itemize all costs for those services.

4. Fixed Assets and Equipment

Report the purchase price paid for fixed assets and equipment (including computers) necessary to implement the reimbursable activities. The purchase price includes taxes, delivery costs, and installation costs. If the fixed asset or equipment is also used for purposes other than the reimbursable activities, only the pro-rata portion of the purchase price used to implement the reimbursable activities can be claimed.

5. Travel

Report the name of the employee traveling for the purpose of the reimbursable activities. Include the date of travel, destination point, the specific reimbursable activity requiring travel, and related travel expenses reimbursed to the employee in compliance with the rules of the local jurisdiction. Report employee travel time according to the rules of cost element A.1, Salaries and Benefits, for each applicable reimbursable activity.

6. Training

Report the cost of training an employee to perform the reimbursable activities, as specified in Section IV of this document. Report the name and job classification of each employee preparing for, attending, and/or conducting training necessary to implement the reimbursable activities. Provide the title, subject, and purpose (related to the mandate of the training session), dates attended, and location. If the training encompasses subjects broader than the reimbursable activities, only the pro-rata portion can be claimed. Report employee training time for each applicable reimbursable activity according to the rules of cost element A.1, Salaries and Benefits, and A.2, Materials and Supplies. Report the cost of consultants who conduct the training according to the rules of cost element A.3, Contracted Services.

B. Indirect Cost Rates

Indirect costs are costs that have been incurred for common or joint purposes. These costs benefit more than one cost objective and cannot be readily identified with a particular final cost objective without effort disproportionate to the results achieved. After direct costs have been determined and assigned to other activities, as appropriate, indirect costs are those remaining to be allocated to benefited cost objectives. A cost may not be allocated as an indirect cost if any other cost incurred for the same purpose, in like circumstances, has been claimed as a direct cost.

Indirect costs include: (a) the indirect costs originating in each department or agency of the governmental unit carrying out state mandated programs, and (b) the costs of central governmental services distributed through the central service cost allocation plan and not otherwise treated as direct costs.

School districts must use the J-380 (or subsequent replacement) non-restrictive indirect cost rate provisionally approved by the California Department of Education.

County offices of education must use the J-580 (or subsequent replacement) non-restrictive indirect cost rate provisionally approved by the California Department of Education.

VI. RECORD RETENTION

Pursuant to Government Code section 17558.5, subdivision (a), a reimbursement claim for actual costs filed by a local agency or school district pursuant to this chapter² is subject to the initiation of an audit by the Controller no later than three years after the date that the actual reimbursement claim is filed or last amended, whichever is later. However, if no funds are appropriated or no payment is made to a claimant for the program for the fiscal year for which the claim is filed, the time for the Controller to initiate an audit shall commence to run from the date of initial payment of the claim. In any case, an audit shall be completed not later than two years after the date that the audit is commenced. All documents used to support the reimbursable activities, as described in Section IV, must be retained during the period subject to audit. If an audit has been initiated by the Controller during the period subject to audit, the retention period is extended until the ultimate resolution of any audit findings.

VII. OFFSETTING SAVINGS AND REIMBURSEMENTS

Any offsetting savings the claimant experiences in the same program as a result of the same statutes or executive orders found to contain the mandate shall be deducted from the costs claimed. In addition, reimbursement for this mandate received from any source, including but not limited to, service fees collected, federal funds and other state funds shall be identified and deducted from this claim.

In any fiscal year in which school districts are legally required to, they must reduce their estimated and actual mandate reimbursement claims by the amount of funding provided to them from state and federal Title VI funds appropriated for STAR administration. School districts are not required to use Title I funds to offset administration of the CAT/6 exam.

VIII. STATE CONTROLLER'S REVISED CLAIMING INSTRUCTIONS

Pursuant to Government Code section 17558, subdivision (c), the Controller shall issue revised claiming instructions for each mandate that requires state reimbursement not later than 60 days after receiving the revised parameters and guidelines from the Commission, to assist local agencies and school districts in claiming costs to be reimbursed. The revised claiming instructions shall be derived from the test claim decision and the revised parameters and guidelines adopted by the Commission.

Pursuant to Government Code section 17561, subdivision (d)(2), issuance of the revised claiming instructions shall constitute a notice of the right of the local agencies and school districts to file

² This refers to Title 2, division 4, part 7, chapter 4 of the Government Code.

reimbursement claims, based upon the revised parameters and guidelines adopted by the Commission.

IX. REMEDIES BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Upon request of a local agency or school district, the Commission shall review the claiming instructions issued by the State Controller or any other authorized state agency for reimbursement of mandated costs pursuant to Government Code section 17571. If the Commission determines that the claiming instructions do not conform to the parameters and guidelines, the Commission shall direct the Controller to modify the claiming instructions and the Controller shall modify the claiming instructions to conform to the parameters and guidelines as directed by the Commission.

In addition, requests may be made to amend parameters and guidelines pursuant to Government Code section 17557, subdivision (d), and California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 1183.2.

X. LEGAL AND FACTUAL BASIS FOR THE PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES

The Statement of Decision is legally binding on all parties and provides the legal and factual basis for the parameters and guidelines. The support for the legal and factual findings is found in the administrative record for the test claim. The administrative record, including the Statement of Decision, is on file with the Commission.

CLAIM FOR PAYMENT Pursuant to Government Code Section 17561 NATIONAL NORM-REFERENCED ACHIEVEMENT TEST			For State Controller Use Only	Program 265
(01) Claimant Identification Number			(19) Program Number 00265	
(02) Claimant Name			(20) Date Filed ____/____/____	
County of Location			(21) LRS Input ____/____/____	
Street Address or P.O. Box Suite			(22) NRAT-1, (04)(A)(1)(f)	
City State Zip Code			(23) NRAT-1, (04)(A)(2)(f)	
			(24) NRAT-1, (04)(B)(1)(f)	
			(25) NRAT-1, (04)(B)(2)(f)	
Type of Claim	Estimated <input type="checkbox"/>	Reimbursement Claim <input type="checkbox"/>	(26) NRAT-1, (04)(B)(3)(f)	
	(03) Estimated <input type="checkbox"/>	(09) Reimbursement <input type="checkbox"/>	(27) NRAT-1, (04)(C)(1)(f)	
	(04) Combined <input type="checkbox"/>	(10) Combined <input type="checkbox"/>	(28) NRAT-1, (04)(D)(1)(f)	
	(05) Amended <input type="checkbox"/>	(11) Amended <input type="checkbox"/>	(29) NRAT-1, (04)(D)(2)(f)	
Fiscal Year of Cost	(06) ____/____	(12) ____/____	(30) NRAT-1, (04)(D)(3)(f)	
Total Claimed Amount	(07)	(13)	(31) NRAT-1, (04)(D)(4)(f)	
Less: 10% Late Penalty		(14)	(32) NRAT-1, (04)(D)(5)(f)	
Less: Prior Claim Payment Received		(15)	(33) NRAT -1, (06)	
Net Claimed Amount		(16)	(34) NRAT -1, (07)	
Due from State	(08)	(17)	(35) NRAT -1, (09)	
Due to State		(18)	(36) NRAT -1, (10)	
(37) CERTIFICATION OF CLAIM				
In accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 17561, I certify that I am the officer authorized by the school district to file mandated cost claims with the State of California for this program, and certify under penalty of perjury that I have not violated any of the provisions of Government Code Sections 1090 to 1098, inclusive.				
I further certify that there was no application other than from the claimant, nor any grant or payment received, for reimbursement of costs claimed herein, and such costs are for a new program or increased level of services of an existing program. All offsetting savings and reimbursements set forth in the Parameters and Guidelines are identified, and all costs claimed are supported by source documentation currently maintained by the claimant.				
The amounts for this Estimated Claim and/or Reimbursement Claim are hereby claimed from the State for payment of estimated and/or actual costs set forth on the attached statements. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.				
Signature of Authorized Officer			Date	
Type or Print Name			Title	
(38) Name of Contact Person for Claim			Telephone Number () - Ext.	
			E-Mail Address	

Program 265	NATIONAL NORM-REFERENCED ACHIEVEMENT TEST Certification Claim Form Instructions	FORM FAM-27
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- (01) Enter the payee number assigned by the State Controller's Office.
- (02) Enter your Official Name, County of Location, Street or P. O. Box address, City, State, and Zip Code.
- (03) If filing an estimated claim, enter an "X" in the box on line (03) Estimated.
- (04) If filing a combined estimated claim on behalf of districts within the county, enter an "X" in the box on line (04) Combined.
- (05) If filing an amended estimated claim, enter an "X" in the box on line (05) Amended.
- (06) Enter the fiscal year in which costs are to be incurred.
- (07) Enter the amount of the estimated claim. If the estimate exceeds the previous year's actual costs by more than 10%, complete form NRAT-1 and enter the amount from line (11).
- (08) Enter the same amount as shown on line (07).
- (09) If filing a reimbursement claim, enter an "X" in the box on line (09) Reimbursement.
- (10) If filing a combined reimbursement claim on behalf of districts within the county, enter an "X" in the box on line (10) Combined.
- (11) If filing an amended reimbursement claim, enter an "X" in the box on line (11) Amended.
- (12) Enter the fiscal year for which actual costs are being claimed. If actual costs for more than one fiscal year are being claimed, complete a separate form FAM-27 and supporting schedules for each fiscal year.
- (13) Enter the amount of the reimbursement claim from form NRAT-1, line (11). The total claimed amount must exceed \$1,000.
- (14) Claims for the 2004-05 fiscal year must be filed with the SCO and be delivered or postmarked on or before **June 21, 2006**. Actual reimbursement claims for fiscal year 2005-06 and estimated claims for fiscal year 2006-07 must be filed with SCO on or before **January 16, 2007**, or the claims shall be reduced by a late penalty. Enter zero if the claim was timely filed, otherwise, enter the product of multiplying line (13) by the factor (0.10% penalty).
- (15) If filing an actual reimbursement claim and an estimated claim was previously filed for the same fiscal year, enter the amount received for the claim. Otherwise, enter a zero.
- (16) Enter the result of subtracting line (14), and line (15), from line (13).
- (17) If line (16), Net Claimed Amount, is positive, enter that amount on line (17), Due from State.
- (18) If line (16), Net Claimed Amount, is negative, enter that amount on line (18), Due to State.
- (19) to (21) Leave blank.
- (22) to (36) Reimbursement Claim Data. Bring forward the cost information as specified on the left-hand column of lines (22) through (36) for the reimbursement claim, e.g. NRAT-1, (04)(A)(1)(f), means the information is located on form NRAT-1, block (04)(A), line (1), column (f). Enter the information on the same line but in the right-hand column. Cost information should be rounded to the nearest dollar, i.e., no cents. Indirect costs percentage should be shown as a whole number and without the percent symbol, i.e., 35.19% should be shown as 35. **Completion of this data block will expedite the payment process.**
- (37) Read the statement "Certification of Claim." If it is true, the claim must be dated, signed by the district's authorized officer, and must include the person's name and title, typed or printed. **Claims cannot be paid unless accompanied by an original signed certification. (To expedite the payment process, please sign the form FAM-27 with blue ink, and attach a copy of the form FAM-27 to the top of the claim package.)**
- (38) Enter the name, telephone number, and e-mail address of the person to contact if additional information is required.

Claims should be rounded to the nearest dollar. Submit a signed original and a copy of form FAM-27, Claim for Payment, and all other forms and supporting documents. Use the following mailing addresses:

Address, if delivered by U.S. Postal Service:

**OFFICE OF THE STATE CONTROLLER
ATTN: Local Reimbursements Section
Division of Accounting and Reporting
P.O. Box 942850
Sacramento, CA 94250**

Address, if delivered by other delivery service:

**OFFICE OF THE STATE CONTROLLER
ATTN: Local Reimbursements Section
Division of Accounting and Reporting
3301 C Street, Suite 500
Sacramento, CA 95816**

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(01) Claimant			(02) Type of Claim		Fiscal Year		
			Reimbursement <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated <input type="checkbox"/>		_____ / _____		
(03) Leave blank							
Direct Costs		Object Accounts					
(04)	Reimbursable Components	(a) Salaries and Benefits	(b) Materials and Supplies	(c) Contracted Services	(d) Fixed Assets	(e) Travel and Training	(f) Total
A. Training, Policies, and Procedures							
1.	Reviewing, conducting, or attending training sessions						
2.	Developing policies, procedures, and forms						
B. Pretest and Posttest Coordination							
1.	Processing requests for exemption						
2.	Designating STAR program district coordinator						
3.	Designating STAR program test site coordinator						
C. CAT/6 Test Administration							
1.	Conducting and monitoring						
D. Reporting and Record Keeping							
1.	Inclusion of test results in pupil's records						
2.	Preparing and mailing reports						
3.	Reporting results of CAT/6						
4.	Submitting report to SPI						
5.	Submitting report to CDE						
(05) Total Direct Costs							
Indirect Costs							
(06) Indirect Cost Rate				[From J-380 or J-580]		%	
(07) Total Indirect Costs				[Line (06) x line (05)(a)]			
(08) Total Direct and Indirect Costs				[Line (05)(f) + line (07)]			
Cost Reduction							
(09) Less: Offsetting Savings							
(10) Less: Other Reimbursements							
(11) Total Claimed Amount				[Line (08) - {line (09) + line (10)}]			

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- (01) Enter the name of the claimant.
- (02) Type of Claim. Check a box, Reimbursement or Estimated, to identify the type of claim being filed. Enter the fiscal year of costs.
- Form NRAT-1 must be filed for a reimbursement claim. Do not complete form NRAT-1 if you are filing an estimated claim and the estimate does not exceed the previous fiscal year's actual costs by more than 10%. Simply enter the amount of the estimated claim on form FAM-27, line (07). However, if the estimated claim exceeds the previous fiscal year's actual costs by more than 10%, form NRAT-1 must be completed and a statement attached explaining the increased costs. Without this information the estimated claim will automatically be reduced to 110% of the previous fiscal year's actual costs.
- (03) Claim Statistics. Leave blank.
- (04) Reimbursable Components. For each reimbursable component, enter the total from form NRAT-2, line (05), columns (d) through (h) to form NRAT-1, block (04), columns (a) through (e) in the appropriate row. Total each row.
- (05) Total Direct Costs. Total columns (a) through (f).
- (06) Indirect Cost Rate. Enter the indirect cost rate from the Department of Education form J-380 or J-580 as applicable for the fiscal year of costs.
- (07) Total Indirect Costs. Enter the result of multiplying the Indirect Cost Rate, line (06), by the Total Salaries and Benefits, line (05)(a).
- (08) Total Direct and Indirect Costs. Enter the sum of Total Direct Costs, line (05)(f), and Total Indirect Costs, line (07).
- (09) Less: Offsetting Savings. If applicable, enter the total savings experienced by the claimant as a direct result of this mandate. Submit a detailed schedule of savings with the claim.
- (10) Less: Other Reimbursements. If applicable, enter the amount of other reimbursements received from any source including, but not limited to, service fees collected, federal funds, and other state funds, that reimbursed any portion of the mandated cost program. Submit a schedule detailing the reimbursement sources and amounts.
- (11) Total Claimed Amount. From Total Direct and Indirect Costs, line (08), subtract the sum of Offsetting Savings, line (09), and Other Reimbursements, line (10). Enter the remainder on this line and carry the amount forward to form FAM-27, line (07) for the Estimated Claim or line (13) for the Reimbursement Claim.

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(01) Claimant

(02) Fiscal Year

(03) Reimbursable Components: Check only one box per form to identify the component being claimed.

☐ Training, Policies, and Procedures☐ Pretest and Posttest Coordination☐ CAT/6 Test Administration☐ Reporting and Record Keeping

(04) Description of Expenses

Object Accounts

(a) Employee Names, Job Classifications, Functions Performed and Description of Expenses	(b) Hourly Rate or Unit Cost	(c) Hours Worked or Quantity	(d) Salaries and Benefits	(e) Materials and Supplies	(f) Contracted Services	(g) Fixed Assets	(h) Travel and Training
(05) Total <input type="checkbox"/>	Subtotal <input type="checkbox"/>	Page: ____ of ____					

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- (01) Claimant. Enter the name of the claimant.
- (02) Fiscal Year. Enter the fiscal year for which costs were incurred.
- (03) Reimbursable Components. Check the box which indicates the cost component being claimed. Check only one box per form. A separate form NRAT-2 shall be prepared for each applicable component.
- (04) Description of Expenses. The following table identifies the type of information required to support reimbursable costs. To detail costs for the component activity box "checked" in block (03), enter the employee names, position titles, a brief description of the activities performed, actual time spent by each employee, productive hourly rates, fringe benefits, supplies used, contract services, and travel and training expenses. **The descriptions required in column (4)(a) must be of sufficient detail to explain the cost of activities or items being claimed.** For audit purposes, all supporting documents must be retained by the claimant for a period of not less than three years after the date the claim was filed or last amended, whichever is later. If no funds were appropriated and no payment was made at the time the claim was filed, the time for the Controller to initiate an audit shall be from the date of initial payment of the claim. Such documents shall be made available to the State Controller's Office on request.

Object/ Sub object Accounts	Columns								Submit supporting documents with the claim
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	
Salaries and Benefits									
Salaries	Employee Name/Title	Hourly Rate	Hours Worked	Salaries = Hourly Rate x Hours Worked					
Benefits	Activities Performed	Benefit Rate		Benefits = Benefit Rate x Salaries					
Materials and Supplies	Description of Supplies Used	Unit Cost	Quantity Used		Cost = Unit Cost x Quantity Used				
Contracted Services	Name of Contractor Specific Tasks Performed	Hourly Rate	Hours Worked Inclusive Dates of Service			Cost=Hourly Rate x Hours Worked or Total Contract Cost			Copy of Contract and Invoices
Fixed Assets	Description of Equipment Purchased	Unit Cost	Usage				Cost= Unit Cost x Usage		
Travel and Training	Purpose of Trip Name and Title Departure and Return Date	Per Diem Rate Mileage Rate Travel Cost	Days Miles Travel Mode					Total Travel Cost = Rate x Days or Miles	
Travel									
Training	Employee Name/Title Name of Class		Dates Attended					Registration Fee	

- (05) Total line (04), columns (d) through (h) and enter the sum on this line. Check the appropriate box to indicate if the amount is a total or subtotal. If more than one form is needed to detail the component/activity costs, number each page. Enter totals from line (05), columns (d) through (h) to form NRAT-1, block (04), columns (a) through (e) in the appropriate row.